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## **SITE SPECIFIC ADVISORY BOARD WELCOMES NEW STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES**

**OAK RIDGE, Tenn.** – The Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board welcomed new student representatives Sidney Sherrill of Oak Ridge and Josh Pratt of Knoxville to its ranks at its recent meeting. The Board is a federally-chartered citizens' panel that provides recommendations to the Department of Energy's (DOE) Oak Ridge Environmental Management Program.

"These two young people are a great addition to the Board, which has a tremendous amount of importance in advising us on environmental cleanup issues on the Oak Ridge Reservation," said Gerald Boyd, Manager of DOE's Oak Ridge Office. "We appreciate their volunteering to serve as we engage the Board at a critical time given the additional cleanup work that is beginning under the Recovery Act."

Sidney Sherrill is a rising senior at Oak Ridge High School. She is active in the Environmental Club and Interact Club and serves as a member of the Student Council and the Recycling Committee. She contributes to the community through youth service projects organized by the Oak Ridge Unitarian Universalist Church. Sherrill also participates in activities with the Atomic Rowing Club and occasional ballroom dancing classes. Following high school, she plans to attend college and major in environmental engineering.

Josh Pratt is also a rising senior at Hardin Valley Academy in Knox County, where he is a member of the Hardin Valley track program. He participates in running and outdoor activities and is an advocate for conservation. Pratt was accepted to the 2009 Tennessee Governor's School for the Sciences and Engineering that will be held this summer at the University of Tennessee - Knoxville. Following high school, he plans to attend college and major in chemistry followed by graduate school.

Stephen McCracken, Assistant Manager for Environmental Management and the Deputy Designated Federal Official of the Board, introduced the two new student representatives at the recent May 13 Board meeting. Chairman Steve Dixon welcomed the two student members saying, "We look forward to working with you over the next year, and we hope it will be a good learning experience for you." The Oak Ridge Board is the only one among eight DOE site environmental cleanup advisory boards nationwide that provides an opportunity for student representatives to serve as board members.

The new student representatives will be joining eighteen other citizens who serve as representatives on the twenty-member panel. Monthly board meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m., at the DOE Information Center, 475 Oak Ridge Turnpike, Oak Ridge. Information about the Board is available on the Internet at [www.oakridge.doe.gov/em/ssab](http://www.oakridge.doe.gov/em/ssab) or by calling (865) 241-4583 or 241-4584.